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Report for week ending May 19, 1900.

INSPECTION OF PASSENGERS.

Number of passengers inspected	586
Number of passengers vaccinated.....	50

OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.

Vessels inspected and cleared.....	20
Vessels inspected and entered.....	15
Immigrants inspected	167
Vessels disinfected for the United States.....	4
Viveros disinfected.....	12
Pieces of baggage disinfected for passengers	236

Mortuary report for week ended May 16, 1900.

Bronchitis.....	7
Beriberi.....	1
Enteritis.....	14
Typhoid fever	1
Pernicious malarial fever	4
Meningitis.....	9
Malaria.....	3
Pneumonia.....	7
Tuberculosis.....	16
Total deaths from all causes.....	111

Report from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.

MATANZAS, CUBA, May 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended May 12, 1900:

Matanzas.—Fifteen deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 17.36 per thousand. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 5; pneumonia, 2; tetanus, 2; heart disease, 1; enteritis, 1; meningitis, 1; other causes, 3. The following cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported: Diphtheria, 1, typhoid fever, 1. Eight foreign vessels and 3 coasting vessels arrived during the week. Seven of these were inspected and passed and 4 passed without inspection. The American steamship *Laura*, bound for Key West, Fla., and the German steamship *Pionier*, bound for Mobile, Ala., were disinfected at this port. Nine bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 1 certificate of inspection to coasting vessel. Forty-five health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island by the German steamship *Curityba* and the U. S. transport *Burnside*; 1 of these via Havana. Thirty-two pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 57 bundles of clothes and bedding were disinfected; 38 of these belonging to the steamship *Pionier* and 19 to the steamship *Laura*. The weather during the week has been warm, with some rain.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that during the week 10 deaths occurred in Cardenas. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Enteritis, 3; tuberculosis, 2; malaria, 1; other causes, 4. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Fourteen vessels were inspected on arrival. Seven of these were foreign vessels and 7 coasting vessels. Seven bills of health were issued to foreign vessels.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that 3 foreign vessels were inspected on arrival. Two bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 9 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Bernardo Escobar reports that 5 deaths occurred in Caibarien during the week. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 2; pernicious fever, 1; enteritis, 1; intestinal infections, 1. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. One foreign vessel and 2 coasting vessels arrived during the week. One bill of health was issued to foreign vessel and 2 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels. The sanitary condition of the port is excellent.

Respectfully,

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Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Santiago.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *May 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the sanitary condition of the fourth district of the island of Cuba for the week ended May 12, 1900:

Santiago.—There was a total of 30 deaths in the civil population of the city for this period, an increase of 1 over the preceding week. The principal causes of death were as follows: Tuberculosis, 2; tetanus, 2; malarial fevers, 6; intestinal diseases, 4; pneumonia, 6; heart disease, 2; other causes, 8; total, 30. Population, 43,000; mortality, 36.27.

The weather has been continuously rainy for this period which might cause the high death rate; the real cause, however, is undoubtedly due to the scarcity and the high price of nourishing food stuffs.

Disinfected.—May 7 the Venezuelan schooner *Ynes* was disinfected prior to sailing for San Juan, P. R.; 17 passengers were carried, their effects being steamed or formaldehyded. May 10 the Norwegian steamship *Heim* was disinfected prior to sailing for Mobile, Ala.

Manzanillo.—Acting Asst. Surg. R. de Socarras reports 3 deaths for this period, the causes of which were: Heart disease, 1; pneumonia, 1; inanition, 1. Total, 3.

Guantanamo.—Acting Asst. Surg. Luis Espin reports 11 deaths for this period, the following being the principal causes: Malarial fever, 5; pneumonia, 1; cancer, 1; nephritis, 1; dysentery, 1; other causes, 2; total, 11.

Daiquiri.—Acting Asst. Surg. Juan J. de Jongh reports no deaths. No quarantinable diseases have been reported in this district.

Respectfully,

HERMAN B. PARKER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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Labeling of baggage.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *May 19, 1900.*

SIR: In reply to your letter of May 8, 1900 (R. M. W.) in reference to the labeling of baggage at this port, I have the honor to report that the following is my method of procedure:

When a passenger applies for a health certificate he is informed that